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GAS RESERVES BY RIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gas reserves discovered recently off the east coast and in Krishna Godavari basin is likely to meet the shortage of indigenous demand;

(b) if so, the fate of LNG project that are likely to materialize in the next five years and also those projects which are in the pipeline;

(c) whether Government proposes to go ahead with all those projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): As per the Hydrocarbons Vision 2025 the demand of Natural Gas is estimated to be 231 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD) in 2006-07. The current supply is only around 65 MMSCMD. The major gas discovery by the consortium of Reliance Industries Ltd. and Niko Resources Ltd., Canada in the KG-DWN-98/3 block in Krishna-Godavari offshore basin on the east Coast is expected to produce 25-35 MMSCMD of gas as per the preliminary estimates. Despite the additionality in gas supply, there will remain a large gap between demand and supply. This may be met by import of gas through pipeline and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). However, LNG is under Open General Licence (OGL) list and the import initiatives will be propelled by commercial viability of the respective project.